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IN THE CLAIMS:

The present listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A process of preparing a coating composition comprising:

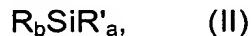
(A) forming a hydrolysis product by hydrolysing,[[:]]

(a) at least one compound represented by general formula I,



wherein M is a member selected from the group consisting of Al, B, VO, Zn and In, R' represents a hydrolysable radical, and m is 3;

(b) optionally at least one compound represented by general formula II,



wherein the radicals R' and R are the same or different, R' is as defined above, R represents a group selected from an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an aryl group, a hydrocarbon group with at least one halogen group, an epoxide group, a glycidyloxy group, an amino group, a mercapto group, a methacryloxy group and a cyano group, and a and b independently of one another have a value from 1 to 3, provided that the sum of a and b is four; and

(B) ~~e)~~ performing, after completion of hydrolysis, ~~at least one of,~~

- (i) optionally adding to the hydrolysis product at least one additive selected from the group consisting of ~~flow control agents,~~ dyestuffs, stabilizers and inorganic fillers, ~~and~~
- (ii) adjusting the concentration of the hydrolysis product to 0.2 to 10 wt.% by adding at least one of alcohols, alkoxy-alcohols and water to the hydrolysis product, and

- (iii) adding at least one flow control agent to the hydrolysis product, such that said coating composition comprises flow control agent in an amount of 0.005 to 2 wt. %.

wherein the hydrolysis, of ~~steps (a) and (b)~~ step (A), occurs in the presence of at least 0.6 moles of water for every mole of hydrolysable radical R'.

2. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein the hydrolysis is carried out in the presence of 0.8 to 2.0 moles of water for every mole of hydrolysable radical R'.

3. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein the compound of formula II is present in an amount of less than 0.7 moles, based on 1 mole of the compound of formula I.

4. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein the hydrolysis is performed at a pH of less than 6.0.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein the hydrolysis is performed in the presence of a solvent selected from at least one of an alcohol having a boiling point below 120°C and water.

7-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein the hydrolysable radical R' is selected from the group consisting of halogens, C₁₋₄-alkoxy, C₆₋₁₀-aryloxy, C₁₋₄-acyloxy and alkylcarbonyl.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein the compound of formula II is selected from at least one of glycidyoxy-propyl-tri-methoxy-silane, methyltriethoxysilane and methacryloxy-propyl-trimethoxysilane.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Original) The coating composition prepared by the process of Claim 1.

15 - 28. (Cancelled)

29. (New) The process of Claim 1, wherein said flow control agent is present in said coating composition in an amount of from 0.03 to 1 wt. %.

30. (New) The process of Claim 1, wherein said flow control agent is selected from polyether-modified polydimethylsiloxanes.